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SUBJ: TOUR OF US BASES BY GOBI MINISTERS

1. I SAW EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ADDERLEY APRIL 26 AND EXTENDED INVITATION FOR BAHAMIAN DELEGATION TO TOUR US BASES ON MAY 9.

2. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION INDICATED THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AND INDECISION ABOUT GOBI DELEGATION. ADDERLEY TOLD ME THAT IF LORD BALNIEL IS TOO BUSY TO ATTEND TALKS AND UK GROUP IS HEADED BY SIR DUNCAN WATSON, GOBI DELEGATION MAY BE ALTERED FROM MINISTERS TO AN "OFFICIAL DELEGATION", I. E. DOWNGRADED. HE CONFIDED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE BASE TOUR MIGHT EVEN BE CANCELLED. WE THEREFORE LEFT IT THAT MEA WOULD CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF OUR INVITATION AND ADVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOBI DELEGATION.

3. WHEN (PRIOR TO THIS MEETING) I ADVISED GOVERNMENT HOUSE OF OUR INVITATION FOR THE TOUR ON THE 9 TH, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR WONDERED IF IT WOULDN'T BE DESIRABLE FOR SOMEONE FROM THE BRITISH SIDE TO BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO BE AWARE OF THE BAHAMIANS' PARTICULAR INTERESTS. I WAS NON-COMMITTAL. (THE UK GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THE EVENING OF MAY 9 TH.)
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